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SUBJECT: EC CAP FOR SOYBEANS

REF: STATE 83747

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED EC CAP FOR SOYBEANS APRIL 26 WITH MINISTRY
FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) REP CALAMIA (DIRECTOR, OFFICE EC-GATT AFFAIRS)

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AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL. (CALAMIA REMARKED THAT COMMISSION'S NEW PRO-
POSAL FOR SOYBEAN CAP NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED ON AGENDA OF

APRIL 29-30 AG COUNCIL MEETING.) EMBOFF EMPHASIZED POSSIBLE COST TO EC OF SUBSIDIZED SOYBEAN PRODUCTION AND THAT USG WOULD REACT STRONGLY TO ANY IMPAIRMENT OF ITS GATT BINDING ON SOYBEANS. CALAMIA REPLIED THAT GOI WELL AWARE OF BOTH FACTORS AND REALIZED HOW IMPORTANT SOYBEANS WERE TO USG.

2. EMBASSY DID NOT RPT NOT RAISE MATTER WITH MINISTRY AGRICULTURE, HAVING RECENTLY REVIEWED POSSIBLE COST PROBLEMS ALONG LINES PARAS 3-4 REFTEL WITH MINISTRY REPS.

3. DESPITE SEVERAL FORCEFUL DEMARCHES TO GOI, NEITHER MFA NOR MINISTRY AGRICULTURE REPS HAVE INDICATED GOI WOULD OPPOSE COMMISSION'S NEW PROPOSALS FOR SOYBEAN CAP. USUAL RESPONSE TO OUR REPRESENTATIONS IS THAT GOI FULLY AWARE OF US INTEREST IN SOYBEANS AND IMPORTANCE WITH USG ATTACHES TO EC'S GATT BINDING ON THIS ITEM. AS ONE OF TWO EC COUNTRIES WHOSE FARMERS WOULD STAND TO GAIN FROM SUBSIDIZED SOYBEAN PRODUCTION (SECOND CROP), ITALY MIGHT BE WILLING ACCEPT COMMISSION PROPOSAL FOR RELATIVELY HIGH PRODUCTION SUBSIDIES AND ARGUE THAT, BECAUSE NO IMPORT RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED, US BINDING ON SOYBEANS HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN IMPAIRED. EMBASSY EXPECTS NO RPT NO POSITIVE SUPPORT FROM GOI IN RESISTING COMMISSION'S LATEST PROPOSAL. VOLPE

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